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**TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES
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ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER

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PCT/JP03/08716

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TITLE OF INVENTION

METHOD FOR JOINING PIPE-SHAPED ARTICLES

APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US

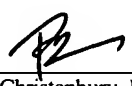
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Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

1. ☒ This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
2. ☐ This is a **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
3. ☒ This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.
4. ☐ The US has been elected (Article 31).
5. ☒ A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))
 - a. ☐ is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
 - b. ☒ has been communicated by the International Bureau.
 - c. ☐ is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
6. ☒ An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))
 - a. ☒ is attached hereto.
 - b. ☐ has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
7. ☐ Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))
 - a. ☐ are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
 - b. ☐ have been communicated by the International Bureau.
 - c. ☐ have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
 - d. ☐ have not been made and will not be made.
8. ☐ An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).
9. ☒ An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).
10. ☐ An English language translation of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).

Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:

11. ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. 1.97 and 1.98.
12. ☐ An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
13. ☐ A preliminary amendment.
14. ☒ An Application Data Sheet under 37 C.F.R. 1.76.
15. ☐ A substitute specification.
16. ☐ A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.
17. ☐ A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 C.F.R. 1.821 - 1.825.
18. ☐ A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
19. ☐ A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
20. ☐ Other items or information:

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21. The following fees are submitted:					
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> b) Examination fee.....				\$ 200.00	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> c) Search fee.....				\$ 500.00	
TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =				\$1,000.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> Additional fee for specification and drawings filed in paper over 100 sheets (excluding sequence listing or computer program listing filed in an electronic medium). The fee is \$250.00 for each additional 50 sheets of paper or fraction thereof.					
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Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)).				\$	
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Total Claims		25 -20 =	5	x \$50.00	\$250.00
Independent claims		1 - 3 =	0	x \$200.00	\$
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable)				+ \$360.00	\$360.00
TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =				\$610.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. The fees indicated above are reduced by 1/2.				\$1,610.00	
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Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(f)).				\$	
TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =				\$1,610.00	
Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property				\$	
TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =				\$1,610.00	
				Amount to be refunded:	\$
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<p>a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of \$1,610.00 to cover the above fees is enclosed.</p> <p>b. <input type="checkbox"/> Please charge my Deposit Account No. <u>50-2719</u> in the amount of \$_____ to cover the above fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.</p> <p>c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. <u>50-2719</u>. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.</p> <p>d. <input type="checkbox"/> Fees are to be charged to a credit card. WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.</p>					
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	:	Yoshiro Iwata	
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APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL LETTER


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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

We submit herewith for filing in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office an English translation of the above-identified PCT Application as it was filed including 44 pages of specification, 5 pages of claims, 1 page of abstract, 7 sheets of drawings, Application Data Sheet (1 page), a copy of the Request (4 pages), a copy of Forms PCT/IB/332 and 308, PCT/IPEA/409, first page of WO 2004/005013 A1 and International Search Report, Preliminary Amendment, Information Disclosure Statement with Form PTO-1449 with copies of 8 publications, an executed Combined Declaration, Power of Attorney and Petition, Form PTO-1390, in duplicate, and our check in the amount of \$1,610.00, comprising the official filing fee.

Respectfully submitted,


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DESCRIPTION OF CONTENTS: Postcard, \$1,610.00 Check, Application Transmittal Letter, in duplicate, Form PTO-1390, in duplicate, English translation of PCT Application as it was filed including 44 pages of Specification, 5 pages of Claims, 1 page of Abstract, 7 sheets of drawings, Application Data Sheet (1 page), copy of Request (4 pages), copy of Forms PCT/IB/332 and 308, PCT/IPEA/409, first page of WO 2004/005013 A1 and International Search Report, Preliminary Amendment, Information Disclosure Statement with Form PTO-1449 with copies of 8 publications and executed Combined Declaration, Power of Attorney and Petition.

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